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**Newsletter of the
Zonta Club of Adelaide
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



At the August meeting of the Club we will be welcoming the Right Honorable the Lord Mayor Ms Sandy Verschoor and a number of other distinguished guests. They will join us to celebrate the graduation of the Mitcham Girls and Adelaide High School participants in the Young Leaders' Program. It will be an opportunity to demonstrate an aspect of our work.

At a recent meeting of presidents from Area 2 Clubs it was clear that the pandemic has resulted in some clubs losing members. Membership is also a concern for Zonta International. Although numbers of members in our club have been holding up, it would be

helpful if all members could keep a lookout for potential members to introduce to the Club.

Maintaining our membership numbers is one of the strategies in our Strategic Plan.

An Area 2 Advocacy Workshop will be held on August 27 from 1.30-3.30pm. It would be great to have a group from our Club there. It will be held at Jenni Foreman's home in Kensington Gardens. I will forward more details when I have them.

It is time we distributed the contact details of members. The details which could be circulated are

Name
Residential/postal address
Email
Phone contact.

Please would you let me know by mid-September if you do not want any particular details of yours included.

A reminder that the bookings for Talks on Women Artists in Thursday mornings in August are on Trybooking.

This is a fundraiser for the Club all are welcome for one or more sessions.

The committees are now settled and are listed further down.

Thank you for the feedback and willingness to undertake these responsibilities and contribute to the life of the Club.

**Kaye Roberts-Thomson
President
Zonta Club of Adelaide**

**Empowering women and girls through Service and Advocacy
by 28,000 members in 62 countries worldwide**

SERVICE Convenor: Gerry Sanderson

There is little to report for the Service Committee since the last report other than the fact that the draft committee reshuffle initially indicated that our ranks are down by three.

Fortunately, Margie Glover is prepared to belong to two committees, Service and Membership, so we will retain her.

Jenni Thomson, currently unplaced, will be free to remain with the service Committee should she choose. However, Janice Watson has agreed to switch to the Membership Committee.

I have sent an email to Janice to thank her for a wonderful contribution to the Service Committee in

the area of participating in Birthing Kit Assemblies, plus in volunteering and assisting in many of our fundraising activities.

It is always difficult for members who have working commitments and, like Janice, live far from the CBD. Janice has been a committed contributor in providing gifts for the EADVS Christmas hampers and went out of her way to deliver them.

We have trialed the newly purchased cellophane bags for breast cushion packing when a small group of volunteers packaged 30 breast cushions at the request of St Andrews Hospital.

The efficiency of the new process will definitely be adopted from now on as an excellent time-saver without involving significant cost. We thank Angela for following through with the procurement of the items from Floral Craft at Norwood as an alternative to Baldocks where prices were significantly higher.

Future dates for breast cushion packing will still go ahead on Saturday morning 27th of August.

However, the scheduled November date will need to be changed because it will now clash with the recently advised Open Garden weekend fundraiser on the 5th and 6th of November.

Happy Birthday

**We wish a happy birthday to our members during
July and August 2022**

JULY

**2 Stephanie Steensma
24 Aileen Connon
26 Mary Burford**

AUGUST

**9 Jenni Thomson
9 Beverley Newberry
18 Raema Mahony
24 Ivanka Jovanovich**

COMMUNICATION**Maxine Panegyres and Tasia Pertsinidis**

The new Communication committee met for the first time on Wednesday 27th July.

We held the meeting with a conference call after Zoom attempts failed.

We discussed the role of the group including Facebook, Website, Zephyr and general publications required for the club. These could include flyers for events, pamphlets from time to time and other things as they may arise.

Di Lancaster and Lina Rogers will be responsible for the club's Facebook page

. We talked about guidelines for posting information that promotes issues around women and girls to ensure that we keep within Zonta bounds. Di and Lina will work together and coordinate what gets posted.

Lina is also responsible with Erica Majba for keeping the website up to date, as they have both done the training.

Beverley Newberry and Tasia Pertsinidis will work together on the Zephyr.

Di Lancaster will be responsible for flyer for upcoming events. This led to discussion around the need for a Calendar of Events so that

flyers can be developed in plenty of time.

To assist Tasia and Beverley complete the Zephyr in plenty of time, we urge committee convenors to send their reports as soon as possible after each board meeting.

**Maxine Panegyres and
Tasia Pertsinidis
on behalf of Lina Rogers,
Di Lancaster and
Beverley Newberry.**

FINANCE**Convenor: Erica Majba**

As convenor of the Finance Committee, I presented the 2022 budget to the board at their last meeting, which they approved.

You will have received a copy of the Draft Fundraiser Budget and the Draft Administration Budget.

Please take some time to review the information.

The Finance Committee with assistance from Bev Gum and Thelma Harvey are planning a fundraising series of talks on Women Artists in August and September. A promotional flyer will be included in the Zephyr attachments. This fundraiser was approved by the club in 2020 and was cancelled due to Covid restrictions, last year

it did not go ahead as the excellent and economical venue was not available due to renovations.

I hope all club members are willing to support the event either by attending if they are interested and bring guests or by promotion.

Woman of Achievement

Last month Kaye Roberts-Thomson and I met with Dr Michelle Perugini while she was in Adelaide from the United States where she now resides.

Her work is most interesting and she talked about her attempts to negotiate with large US companies to further her work in the field of Artificial Intelligence in assessing embryos for the IVF process.

Michelle will be in Adelaide from time to time and if the times coincide she would be happy to speak at a club meeting about her work.

We would welcome hearing more about her work in this field.

Maxine Panegyres



BREAST CUSHION PACKING Dates for your diaries:

26th August and 5th November

AT THE HOME OF Ivanka Jovanovic

Gerry Sanderson



Zonta International is a leading global organisation of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

Founded in 1919, Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence. Its Objects are:

- To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health, and professional status of women through service and advocacy.
- To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of members.
- To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.
- To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations, and the world.

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COMMITTEES 2022-2023

Membership

Convenor: Erica Majba

Raema Mahony; Janice Watson; Margie Glover

Advocacy

Co-Convenors: Jill Olifent; Verena Colby

Kathy Ellis; Bev Gum; Colleen Tomlian; Miriam Zhu

Service

Co-Convenors: Gerry Sanderson; Angela Vandellis

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Convenor: Raema Mahony

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Co-Convenors: Maxine Panegyres; Tasia Pertsinidis

Di Lancaster; Beverley Newberry; Lina Rogers

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Convenor: Erica Majba

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Women's Work Matters

Carmen Ortiz McGhee spoke to the Zonta Club of Adelaide last week and told us how inspiration for women occurs from those women “before us who pass the baton on” to other women.

Ms Ortiz McGhee said that society knows that women have a multiple impact on the world and in the work sector.

Zonta's internal policies and that Zonta helps make the world a better place had Ms Ortiz McGhee with Zonta for thirteen years.

When she spoke about women's power, Ms Ortiz McGhee quoted from one of her favourite poems which told that women's deepest fear was that they were “powerful beyond measure”.

“Women are beautiful, talented, gorgeous,” she said.

She referred to the Butterfly Effect, saying that when women let their light shine, they do so in others as well, and through this we can have “a massive impact.”

“On one occasion I went to a young boy's musical called ‘Brent.’ The musical had a diverse cast and led to a larger musical - a huge production called ‘Hamilton’. That is the effect a person can have,” Ms Ortiz McGhee said.

“At another time, I went to a conference in Cybersecurity and noticed there were few women there because they simply were intimidated by the topic. That changed, and, that is the power of the Butterfly Effect,” she said.

Ms Ortiz McGhee said that any woman can achieve.

She told us that she was a child of an unmarried Puerto Rican mother who trained in the military and who took her to Virginia, (USA) to better her life there. She went through school and attended the University of Virginia, where she also met her husband, with whom she has three children.

Today she travels the world with a successful career at hand which involves much public speaking.

But what many people don't know is that Ms Ortiz McGhee is also a survivor of childhood sexual abuse.

It robbed me of my innocence and peace. I spent years trying to find comfort and love...I thought it was my fault. I needed stability, and (someone) to protect me. My mother took on that role, she said.

“My teacher noticed and helped out too.

She reached an agreement with me, saying if I fell in line she would coach and mentor me, and, without her I wouldn't be here today.

My mother-in-law contributed, telling me I needed to find my father, which I am glad I did.

“I can't say that my career was all highs – it has included highs and lows.”

While building one of the most gender diverse teams in our organization, she was met with staunch resistance from a group of men who reported to her but were older.

It led to me breaking down on the bathroom floor one day. I turned to a girlfriend for support and warmth, she said.

Why I am here is because women believe my work actually matters. Increase support for inspired, young women, Ms Ortiz McGhee said.

Women Artists

Talks for those interested in art, history and stories



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Women artists have been largely written out of history. Come and join the resurgence of interest in their lives and works.

This series of talks will include three Australian artists, all born in Adelaide, who travelled to Europe and brought home new and outrageous ideas.

- Dorrit Black
- Nora Heysen
- Margaret Preston

When: Four Thursdays - 11, 18, 25
August, 1 September

Time: 10.30am - 12.00pm

Cost: \$60 or \$20 per session

Where: Lochend Community Hall
Locheil Park, Campbelltown

Note:

The fourth session on 1 September will be a tour of Art Gallery of SA to view the works of these artists and others.

The talks will be given by Erica Majba who has successfully run a Women Artists course at U3A Tea Tree Gully for 3 years.

Contact: Erica Majba 0411 874 881

Thank you for your support.

All funds raised will go to scholarships and projects to support women and girls.

(Book early as places are limited)

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